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SUBJECT.

Re supply of ragi for the Kolar Gold Fields from outside the Kolar Dt

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3) From, The D.C. Kolar

No. D.C. 1204 Dt 15-11-18

Forwards letter from the Dr. of C.S. Madras stating that further supplies of rice to the K.G.F may be stopped

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FILE HEADING.

Supplying food grains to the Kolar Dt

From The Dy Comr - Kolar Dt

No. O.C 1200 Dated 15-11-18 Received 18.11.18.

Diary No. 7878 Enclos. one Spare Copies - Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for info a copy of his letter of 15th Nov 1918 addressed to the Dr of Civil Supplies regarding supplying ragi for the Kolar Gold Fields from out. Stocks. the Kolar Dt.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

2 From the same - No O.C 1202 of 15.11.18. Submits for info a copy of letter of 6th Nov 1918 from the Sub Dn Offr Chickballapur on the food situation -

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3	From the Name. No O.C 12049/15-18 4 Forwards for info. a copy of his letter of 15.11.18. to the Dr of Civil Supplies forwarding a copy of letter from the Dr of C.S. Madras stating that further supplies of rice to the Karr Govt. Field may be stopped at any time. Submd MG 19/11/18 Chatterjee Up 20/11/18 2) All these matters have been discussed in the recent meetings with the Drs. File. Up 25/11/18

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From

The Deputy Commissioner.

Kolar District.

To

The Chief Secretary.

Govt. of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dated 15th November 1918.

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General No. _____ No. O.C. 1200/18-19

Enclosure No. 3.

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Re - The Shortage of Ragi on the Kolar Gold Fields

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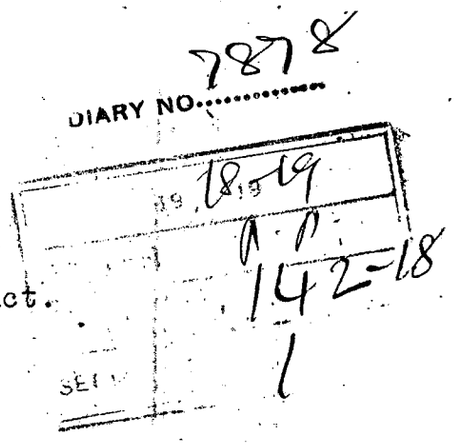
Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Kolar, 15th November 1918.

No.C. OC 1200/18-19

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B. A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.



To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Mysore.Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, copy of my letter dated 15th November 1918 addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, together with a copy of its enclosure, re supply of ragi for the Kolar Gold Field District from outside the Kolar District.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,

No.C. Kolar District

Dated Kolar, the 15th November 1918

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

C.Ranganatha Rao Saheb,Esq.,B.A.,B,L.,

Director of Civil Supplies in

Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, in original, letter dated 13th November 1918 from the Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, and to state that sufficient supplies of ragi for the Kolar Gold Field have to be brought in from outside the Kolar District. I invite your attention to remarks contained in para 7 of my memorandum submitted to Mr. Banerji during his tour in the Kolar District, copy sent to you with this office D.O. dated 11th November 1918, and to request that Ragi may be permitted to flow freely into the Kolar Gold Field markets and transport facilities may be provided from other Districts of the Mysore State.

2.The other representation of the Mining Board is that the retail price of ragi,viz., 12 seers per rupee is too low. With regard to this, if my Confidential memo sent to you with this office No.C. dated 9th November 1918 is approved, there will be no difficulty. The recent orders of Government systematising the measures for meeting the Food situation are excellent. But I am

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anxious that the private merchants are not altogether driven from the market. Because the burden will be too heavy on our shoulders hence afterwards; hence I request that my Confidential memo may be approved.

3. Government Order No. G.8689--P.P. 102-18-27 dated 12th November 1918 says that " in supersession of previous Notifications issued in the matter (presumably with regard to wholesale maximum prices), Government are pleased to fix maximum wholesale prices as shown in the annexed statement". It appears to follow from this that the retail prices already fixed by Government are not affected. I may be kindly informed if my interpretation is correct. If the idea of Government is to fix only wholesale prices and not retail prices, there would be difficulties.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. B.Venkoba Rao,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Letter dated 13th November 1918 from the Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, through the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the shortage of supplies of ragi for the population of the Kolar Gold Field, and to request that you may be kind enough to cause sufficient supplies to be brought in from outside this District.

The Board suggests that the retail price of 12 measures per rupee is too low unless supplies can be guaranteed, this price tending to too great a drain on available stocks.

"Copy".

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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FWD 0463—GPB—3,00,000—21-7-17—S.

From

The Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

The Chief Secretary,

Govt; of Mysore,

Bangalore

Dated 15th November 1918.

Despatched 16th November 1918

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General No. OC 1202

No. 18-19

Enclosure No. 2.

Re — The food Situation in Chikballapur Sub Division Kolar District.

DIARY NO. 7886

Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Kolar, the 15th November 1918.

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No. OC 1202/18-19

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, a copy of letter No.O.C.1040 dated 6th November 1918 from the Sub Division Officer, Chickballapur, on the Food situation.

I have the honour to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Letter No.O.C.1040 dated 6th November 1918 from the Sub Division Officer, Chickballapur, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

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The deplorable effects of the total failure of the South West Monsoon and the weakness of the North East Monsoon which has just set in on the seasonal prospects of the year are discoverable to any casual visitor who may happen to pass round any villages of the 5 taluks comprising the Sub Divisions of Chickballapur. The ragi crop has suffered considerably and with utmost care probably of a four anna outturn may be realised in the ensuing harvest by a few individuals. The Horse gram and Avare may yield 6 to 8 annas if the rains do not disappoint. In several places, no sowing has been done The tanks which form the special feature of cultivation in the Kolar District have not received any supply for irrigation purposes and consequently the carthik crop of paddy under the minor tanks and also under major tanks have not been sown. The vysaki crop will not be sown as there is no water in the major tanks. Thus the outturn of paddy will be nil for the current year.

2. Though the harvesting of ragi will take place some two months hence and the threshing some three months hence yet ragi has become scarce in the market. It is far from considering that the stock with the ryots has been depleted. On the other hand influential ryots and other speculative persons have not felt that pinch of necessity to take out the over abundant stock from their granary pits. The Government orders fixing the maximum prices of ragi have created a very peculiar situation which calls for speedy legislation for strengthening the hands of executive to compel the hard hearted and impregnable persons to open their granaries to supply the market. It is more the scantiness of ragi which has created a graver situation for the Government than the prevalence

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of Influenza epidemic which by the grace of God is fast disappearing wherever I have gone. I have been besieged by hunger stricken crowds with their importunities for getting ragi at any cost. The weekly shandy do not get ragi and ragi is not found in towns and no body ~~needs~~ ragi in the villages. It is all very well to say that ragi should be purchased wholesale and large stock should be kept. Who will finance the undertaking and how many agencies will come forward purely with a philonthropic motive to risk their capitals? And last though not the least ~~&&&~~ where will they purchase the ragi? as no persons who has ragi more than what he requires for a year's supply will willingly part with the ragi either for love or for money. ~~Are~~ questions which are not easy to answer. Above all, by the time the agencies are organised and endeavours are made to encourage people to import ragi from distant places what should become of thousands of poor persons who require ragi immediately for their consumption? Unless immediate steps are taken the maintenance of peace and order will become extremely difficult

3. No doubt the Government who are aware of the present situation might have been engaged in solving the problem.

4. I shall ~~&&&&&~~ however submit the following procedure as it occurs to me in the hope that it may, to some extent, ease the present situation:-

1. The Amildar should get the correct information and write in his own hand the name of the person, the village and the quantity of ragi paddy or rice that may be with him and the number of souls that may be depending on the individuals ~~&&&~~ and the approximate quantity that he may require for his own purpose. The Amildar must take into consideration after careful enquiry the quantity of ragi or paddy or rice which may be realised in the ensuing harvest.

2. The Amildar will serve a notice on that individual

to surrender a certai quantity of ragi etc as the case may be for sale to the public at fixed price within a week from the date of the notice and also to forbid the person to sell or otherwise dispose of the ragi or paddy or rice without the orders of the Amildar.

3. The Amildar will forthwith proceed to the village and hear objections if that person has any to make as regards the quantity that may be required to that person for a period of one year in the presence of two respectable residents of the village one to be nominated by the party. The Amildar will decide in writing the quantity which will be allowed to the person and the quantity that man will have to surrender for sale.

4. The person aggrieved by this order may appeal to the Sub Division Officer within a week and that officer will immediately pass orders after hearing the party and perusing the records.

The decision of the Sub Division Officer will be final.

5. After the end of a week if no appeal has been preferred or after the disposal of the appeal if one has been preferred and the order of the Amildar has been upheld the Amildar will direct the shekdar to open the granary pit in the presence of the panchayet and measure the quantity ordered to be surrendered and leave the rest to the party.

6. For the purpose, if ragi or paddy or rice has been stored in a dwelling place and the owner refuses to comply with the order, the sheikdar will enter the house under the warrant from the Amildar between sunrise and sunset and conduct the search in the presence of the panchayetedars.

7. Any person who disobeys the notice to surrender certain quantity or who disposes of the grain in contraventior of the notice shall after conviction before a First Class Magistrate be liable to imprisonment of either kind which

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may extend to six months and a fine up to Rs.500 or both.

8.No magistrate shall take cognizance of the offence unless the prosecution has been sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner who will invariably issue a show-cause notice before sanctioning the prosecution.

9.While submitting the above proposals, I request you to modify or amend them as you deem proper and move the Government to take action as early as possible by bringing a Bill before the Legislative Council. I considered the propriety of delegating certain powers to the Village Improvement Committees or Panchayets. But I am doubtful if such a step would bring about the desirable results as most of the members on the local bodies are the very persons who have stocked large quantities of grains.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner;

Kolar District.

To

The Chief Secretary,

Govt; of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dated 15th November 1918.

Despatched 16th November '18

Received

General No. OC 1204

No. 18-19

Enclosure No. 3.

Re - The Probable supply of Rice to Kolar Gold Fields from the Madras Presidency.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office.

No.C. OC 1204/18-19

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 15th November 1918.

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, copy of my letter dated 15th November 1918 addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, forwarding copy of letter from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras stating that further supplies of rice to the Kolar Gold Field may be stopped at any time etc.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
District,
Kolar Gold Field.

No. OC 1204
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Dated Kolar, the 15th November 1918.

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

To

C. Ranganatha Rao Saheb, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Director of Civil Supplies &c
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.G.2115/18-1 dated 5th November 1918 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to the President, Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Field stating that further supplies of rice to the Kolar Gold Field may be stopped at any time, and to request you to take necessary action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. B. Venkoba Rao.

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Letter No.C.2115/16-1 dated 5th November 1916 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to the President, Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Field.

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I have the honour to inform you that the stocks of rice in the District from which you usually draw it are falling very low, and I think it probable that I may have to stop further supplies at any time. I therefore request you to arrange (with the Mysore Government if necessary) to get rice from Burmah for your requirements.

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.